

USER PARTICIPATION IN CONGRESSIONAL VISITS DAY (CVD)

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1. What Is Congressional Visits Day (CVD)

Eleventh Annual Science-Engineering-Technology Congressional Visits Day

March 28-29, 2006

Objective:

To underscore the long-term importance of science, engineering, and technology to the Nation through meetings with congressional decision makers.

Core Message:

Science, Engineering and Technology: Fueling America's Innovation.

2. The Schedule

Tuesday, March 28

11:45 a.m.	Orientation at APS Public Affairs
2:00—5:00 p.m.	Briefing from officials from Administration, Congress, Industry and Academia
5:30—7:30 p.m.	Reception and Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 a.m.	Congressional Breakfast
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.	Congressional Visits on Capitol Hill

3. Who From RHIC Participated

Who participated from RHIC

Hank Crawford—STAR—LBNL

Doug Fields—PHENIX—U. New Mexico

Kurt Hafer—NSRL—UCLA

John Hill—PHENIX—Iowa State

John Lajoie—PHENIX—Iowa State

Mike Lisa—STAR—Ohio State

Soren Sorensen—PHENIX—U. Tennessee

Jim Sowinski—STAR—U. Indiana

Rusty Towell—PHENIX—Abilene Christian U.

Others

Mike Lubell--APS

Brian Mosley--APS

Kim Regan--APS

Angela Anderson—Iowa State

Jon Murphy—Iowa State

4. Who We Visited

House

Doolittle—California—Hafer AP

Edwards—Texas—Towell AP

Hobson—Ohio—Lisa AP

Latham—Iowa—Hill AP

Neugebauer—Texas--Towell

Wamp—Tennessee—Sorensen AP

Waxman—California—Hafer

Senate

Alexander—Tennessee--Sorensen

Bayh—Indiana--Sowinski

AP Bingaman/Domenici—N. Mexico--Fields

Cornyn—Texas--Towell

Dewine—Ohio--Lisa

Frist—Tennessee--Sorensen

Grassley—Iowa--Hill

Harkin—Iowa--Hill

Hutchison—Texas—Towell AP

Lugar—Indiana—Sowinski

Voinovich—Ohio--Lisa

5. Conclusions

National Academies produced study entitled “Rising Above The Gathering Storm”.

This resulted in the “American Competitiveness Initiative” (ACI).

ACI highlighted in the President’s State of the Union address.

Consensus that favorable D.O.E. Office of Science budget due to influence of Secretary Bodman.

Speakers on March 28 emphasized that this unique opportunity to obtain a favorable base for funding in the physical sciences.

In meetings with congressional staffers all expressed that ACI was a good idea.

In congressional meetings we emphasized that our primary request was **FULL** funding for D.O.E. Office of Science as in the President’s budget.

We will follow up with messages of thanks to the congressional staffers.